

Weekly Column for April 19, 2007

I glanced at the weather earlier this morning and saw that temperatures this weekend will be in the 60's with bright, sunny skies. After a few horrendous weeks of weather, it is nice to see Mother Nature is going to be nice. It must be a coincidence that she is doing so on Earth Day.

As we have talked about for the last few weeks, the annual Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration will take place this weekend. I am happy to report that this year's festivities will likely reach new heights, as we have a record number of projects, in addition to what we believe will be an extraordinary amount of volunteers.

Groups from around the City like the Kiwanis Club, the Better Burgh Club, and students of Rensselaer Park Elementary have called to say they have large groups of volunteers working. Neighborhood leaders across the City have signed up for projects from Lansingburgh to South Troy. And individuals have contacted us as well, for a project here and there that they just want us to know is happening.

It is truly exciting to see such a wonderful outpouring of support for a good cause. We strive every day to keep Troy as clean as possible, but it will always be an exercise in futility if you do not have the support of the residents living in the neighborhoods.

As of this morning, we have more than 30 projects on tap for Saturday. I will leave the list below so that if you are interested in cleaning up, but not sure what to do, you will have significant options.

Finally, with wonderful weather expected for Sunday, we hope there will be a great turnout for the Earth Day Festival. This is not on the same level as the River Street Festival, or even the Powers Park Concert Series. It's more of a thank you to those who volunteered. There will be live music, food, and vendors. It will be a very relaxing and enjoyable day. Come on down to Riverfront Park and enjoy the scene. It runs from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

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Mayor of Troy

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1 <sup>st</sup> St- Between Liberty and Washington (272-6709)	Cindy Lloyd

Burden Pond (272-7483)	Christine O'Connell
Burden Avenue Islands (273-2792)	Marcia Keefe
Brunswick Road (266-9150)	Rodney Wiltshire
Canal Street to Van Buren Street (272-1267)	Claire Davis
Fifth Avenue and Grand Street (272-4133)	Jim Traa
Fifth Avenue At Jacob Street (516-3938)	Ruth Gardner
Fifth Ave. at 101 <sup>st</sup> Street (235-6110)	Thila Bell
Frear Park Conservancy (273-9286)	Steve Conroy
Hill St. (Old Prospect Park Entrance) (272-2607)	Agnes Zink
Hillside Neighborhood (326-4666) 8 <sup>th</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup> streets, Hoosick to Jacob	Felicia Bones
Jackson and Monroe Streets- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street (273-7514)	Margaret Davis Skelton
Kinloch Park (273-8660)	Richard Herrick
Lansingburgh Bike Path (376-4065)	Floyd Terry
Lavin Court- Between Hoosick and Sausse (274-4795)	Doreen Buell
Little Italy Projects (441-5700)	Heather Hamlin

Morrison Avenue (629-4848)	Cindy Pitts
Mount Ida Cemetery (274-0418)	Brant Caird
New Mount Ida Cemetery (Pinewoods) (281-6675)	John Hilton
Oakwood Avenue (235-3755)	Shirley Testo
Old Sixth Avenue (272-1468)	Geralynn McDowell
Pinewoods (274-8068)	Lorraine English
Peoples To Eagle (203-1430)	Erin Tresselt
Poestenkill (274-0846)	Steve Muller
Powers Park (270-4493)	Vito Ciccarelli
Prospect Park (273-1500)	Peter Grimm
Rensselaer Park Elementary	Mar DeSilva
Riverfront Park (221-4763)	Troy Kiwanis
Stowe Ave. (Cottage St. between Troy Hills (274-3669) Apartments and Morrison Manor)	Kathy Tremblay
Vietnam Memorial (283-1708)	Jim Davey
Wynantskill Way (272-7617)	John Trong